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## We are Human Beings

By Patrick Maitland  
Editor-Street Hype

A Bronx Councilman is leading a campaign demanding that the New York City Council pass a resolution that calls upon Congress to negate the language in the three-fifths clause, which is still in the U.S. Constitution since 1787.

The clause provides that representation in Congress will be based on "the whole Number of free Persons and "three fifths of all other Persons." The "other Persons" were slaves.

Scores of seniors, union, community leaders and youngsters came by the bus to City Hall in Manhattan on April 18th to join Councilman Andy King as they called for the clause to be amended and for the City to recognize March 5th as "Three-Fifths Clause Awareness Day."

"It is completely and utterly unacceptable that

the "three-fifths clause" still remains to be etched into the Constitution, never to be removed, and its only present value is that it serves as a reminder of our nation's dark past in the areas of race relations

and political representation as it pertains to African-Americans, and other enslaved people at the time of its inception," said King, author of both legislations which is in the City Council Committee on Civil Rights.

"We need to rid ourselves of the remaining vestiges of inequality in this nation in order to have true social progress, and if we cannot get rid of it, then we need to find some other way to make it unequivocally clear that all people in our nation are to be regarded as complete equals," the councilman added.

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# EDITORIAL

## Penn Relays should also inspire African American kids

Some 5,000 athletes will converge on the grounds of the University of Pennsylvania's Franklin Field April 28-30 to participate in the 122nd running of The Penn Relays games--now the longest uninterrupted collegiate track meet in the country.

Penn Relays is indeed among the largest track crowd in the United States with some 100,000 patrons in attendance over the three-day, high-energy event.

Despite challenges of limited resources, the organizers, Friends of the Penn Relays -- continue to produce one of the best track meet of all time.

We must commend the Friends of the Penn Relays for maintaining the goal of the event -- to provide the best track and field competition for the greatest number of participants of all levels, ages, and abilities.

Known as the grooming ground and the showpiece for young, aspiring and talented high school and collegiate track and field athletes, Penn Relays is now an international event, attracting more participations from overseas especially Jamaica, Caribbean and few African countries.

Certainly, it was never the intention of the founders, but today Penn Relays has been "Jamaicanized" to the extent that Jamaica has more teams than any other participating countries and schools. Teams from Jamaica dominate the most popular events.

If you cannot find a long-time friend or family member during the last weekend in April, perhaps he or she is at "Penn" waving their Jamaican flags or decked out in the Black, Green and Gold in raucous support of the favorite high school in Jamaica.



The development, growth and indeed the success of Jamaican track and field athletes could be attributed in part to their participation at Penn Relays.

For that we are grateful. Perhaps more schools in our communities with large African American and Caribbean population should

follow the examples of Jamaica and prepare the youth to participate in Penn Relays.

Track and field should be given top priority as part of the school's physical education program.

Our city schools' authorities should consider track and field as another strategy for the children to demonstrate their creative energy.

We are creating too much space and wasting too much time for the kids to consider crime and other criminal activities. In addition, growing children need regular physical exercises to grow up healthy and strong. And what better way to reduce obesity than a few laps around the track!

Let us consider Penn Relays as a vehicle to encourage more African American youth in our communities to consider track and field as a career and fitness option.

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### People Are Talking...!

## Attorney General Schneiderman Investigation!

You should know that in 1992, the City of New York sold a piece of property located at 45 Rivington Street in New York City to a not-for-profit corporation called the Rivington House Healthcare Facility for \$1.5 million.

The deed contained a covenant (a promise) that the use and development of the property was limited "in perpetuity" -- to a not-for-profit health care facility. As we all know, "in perpetuity" means forever.

On October 9, 2014, the Rivington House signed a contract for sale of this property to New Rivington Property's LLC, a Delaware Limited Liability Corporation. New Rivington Property LLC is a business owned by two individuals.

It is important for you to know that in order for any not-for-profit corporation to sell real estate property in New York, it must first obtain review and consent by both the New York State Attorney General's Office, and then, a Supreme Court Judge in New York.

And so, after signing the contract, the owners Rivington House submitted a petition that first went

to the NYS Attorney General's Office, and then to the NYS Supreme Court to be granted this permission to sell.

### WHAT YOU SHOULD KNOW

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District 32 Bronx County



On December 16, 2014, Justice Eileen Rakower of the Supreme Court of New York County signed an Order permitting the sale of this property to the New Rivington Property's LLC for the price of \$28 million dollars.

Alongside the Judge's signature on this Order that permitted the sale of the property was the stamped endorsement and consent of the New York State Attorney General's Office.

Prior to signing and consenting to such an Order, it seems that the NYS Attorney General's Office overlooked or ignored the restrictive covenant in the 1992 deed that said the use and development of the property had to be limited to a not-for-profit corporation.

Clearly, the purchaser of this property was not a not-for-profit

corporation. This should have raised some concern in the Attorney General's Office before consenting to the sale.

Then, in November of 2015, the City of New York signed a deed to the New Rivington properties surrendering their "in perpetuity" claim on the property under the 1992 deed for the price of \$16,150,000.00

Upon receiving full and clear title to the property at 45 Rivington

Street, the New Rivington Properties LLC flipped the property in February, 2016 to the Rivington Street Investors, LLC, another Delaware LLC, for the whopping price of \$116 million dollars, using (and I kid you not) the Bank of the Ozarks to finance the purchase of this property.

Now we have, surprise, surprise ... of all people offering to investigate the second half of this sale, the New York State Attorney General Eric Schneiderman, whose Charities Bureau started this process in motion by approving the sale of this property to a business group for a mere \$28 million.



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# NEWS



Councilman Andy King (7th l) along with several community leaders speaking during a demonstration at City Hall in Manhattan

## We are Human Beings !

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Congress Members Yvette D. Clarke and Gregory Meeks have joined King in the push to change the language in the three-fifths clause.

"While the United States of America is a great nation founded on the admirable principles of justice and liberty, it is also a nation with a protracted and painful history of the enslavement of African-Americans, racial bigotry, hatred and discrimination," stated Rep. Yvette D. Clarke (NY-09).

"There is no doubt that we have, as a nation, made great progress in addressing and rectifying the wrongs of its tumultuous history, but many social ills and issues related to our troubled past remain. One such example is the enduring language of a "three-

fifths" clause in the United States constitution," Clarke added. "I commend and I stand in solidarity with New York City Council Member Andy King and my colleague, Congressman Gregory Meeks to amend the language as it pertains to African-Americans, and establish March 5th as "Three Fifth Clause Awareness Day" in the City of New York. I look forward to continuing the dialogue around this issue as we pursue justice, equity and fairness on behalf of African-Americans, people of African descent and other historically marginalized communities." She added that the clause was "offensive."

Dr. Hazel N. Dukes, President of the NAACP New York State Conference, observed that it is "humiliating" to count a man

as three fifths of another.

"But this is a part of our U.S. history that helped shape some racist behaviors, such as Jim Crow. More people need to be made aware of the Three-Fifth Clause, that it still exists in the U.S. Constitution and let's do something about it!" Dukes said.

The three-fifths clause was enforced until the post-Civil War 13th Amendment freed all enslaved people in the United States, the 14th amendment gave them full citizenship, and the 15th Amendment granted black people the right to vote. However, the "three-fifth clause" language was never removed from the Constitution.

Other speakers at the press conference included, Dr. Dukes, Shaun Francois I, President of Local 372; Rev. Lamont Granby,

47th Precinct Clergy Council, Bronx; 100-year-old Sarah Turner, Michelle Akyempong, Vice President of Legislation and Political Action; and representatives from the office of Congresswoman Yvette Clarke, State Assembly Speaker Carl E. Heastie, the National Action Network, the Civil Service Employee Association, Coalition of Black Trade Unions, Eastchester R.A.I.N. Senior Center, Community Board 12, Bronx and NYCHA Tenant Association of Gun Hill Houses.

More than 100 students from Bronx schools Cornerstone Academy for Social Action (CASA Middle School), PS 112 and the Global School for Environmental Research (Middle School) attended.

## Bronx Man Sentenced for Role in Tax Refund Fraud Scheme

ERIE, Pa. -

A Bronx has been sentenced to more than a year in prison for his role in income tax fraud scheme.

Nana Baffour, 39, was sentenced to 12 months plus 1 day in prison and ordered to make restitution of \$51,363, according to United States Attorney David J. Hickton.

He was convicted on conspiracy to commit wire fraud. According to authorities, Baffour opened bank accounts in his name and be used them as repositories for fraudulently obtained federal tax refunds.

Baffour would then withdraw the fraudulently obtained refunds, keep a portion for himself and give the remainder of the money to another co-defendant, authorities explained.

Assistant United States Attorney Christian A. Trabold prosecuted this case on behalf of the government. U.S. Attorney Hickton commended the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the Internal Revenue Service, Criminal Investigation for the investigation leading to the successful prosecution of Baffour.

## Public meeting for MX-1 Commercial Corridor District

Mount Vernon:

The Mount Vernon City Council will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, May 11, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. to receive comments concerning environmental topics related to the creation of a proposed MX-1 Commercial Corridor Zone, to promote the development

of interrelated and compatible commercial, office, residential, civic, and entertainment uses and to transform the corridor along East Third Street (between South Fulton Avenue and South Columbus Avenue) into a conduit that takes full advantage of the pedestrian oriented infrastructure of the street.

## Brooklyn Principal Cleared

A Brooklyn principal has been cleared of any wrongdoing in a grade-fixing investigation at Dewey High School.

The Department of Education launched a probe in 2014 over claims that the school was allowing failing students to graduate.

There were reports that students were allowed to make up course work by watching movies or playing computer games.

School administrators were also accused of changing student grades to boost graduation rates. The department removed Principal Kathleen Elvin from her post last July, but didn't press charges until September.

Elvin's union, the Council of School Supervisors and Administrators, say that the department and the media treated Elvin and her staff unfairly.

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# NEWS



## Hassell-Thompson to join Gov Cuomo

ALBANY:

Senator Ruth Hassell-Thompson, D-Mount Vernon, is leaving her 36th Senatorial District seat in July to to accept a position in the Cuomo Administration.

Governor Andrew Cuomo announced

Friday that Sen. Hassell-Thompson will serve as a Special Advisor for Policy and Community Affairs of State Homes and Community Renewal. Her 36th Senate District runs through the City of Mount Vernon into the Northeast Bronx.

Gov. Cuomo praised Sen. Hassell-Thompson's experience and track record in and out of office in a statement announcing her appointment.

"As a nurse, an advocate and a member of the New York State Legislature, Senator Hassell-Thompson has spent her entire career fighting to improve lives and build communities," Cuomo said in a statement. "I am proud to have her continue this work as a member of my administration

and look forward to working with her to build a stronger, safer and more prosperous New York for all."

Sen. Hassell-Thompson, 73, who unsuccessfully ran for Mount Vernon Mayor in the crowded 2015 Democratic primary, and then in the General Election on the Working Families Party line.

## Woman Tried to Smuggle Cocaine in Candy Containers Through JFK,

Says U.S. Customs

After she tried to smuggle an estimated \$175,000 worth of cocaine in candy containers through John F. Kennedy International Airport, according to U. S. Customs and Border Protection.

Customs agents said they noticed something strange in Petra Medarda's luggage when it went through an x-ray.

Officials said they opened the luggage and found 10 pounds of the drug.

Medarda is a Mexican citizen and was coming from Mexico City, according to the Customs Service.

She now faces state narcotics smuggling charges and a Queens court is slated to prosecute her.



The parents of Ramarley Graham, Franciot Graham (l) and Constance Malcolm (3rd l). We are going to keep fighting no matter what,' they noted.

## Ramarley Graham's family and Supporters Hold Vigil at Mayor de Blasio's Home

By Yul-san Liem

The mother of Ramarley Graham – an unarmed Black youth who was killed by NYPD Officer Richard Haste in 2012 – took her demands for accountability to Mayor de Blasio's door on Sunday. Constance Malcolm held a vigil for her son outside Gracie Mansion.

She was joined by mothers of other police violence victims, community organizations, elected officials and supporters, as well as her youngest son, Chinnor, who witnessed his brother's death.

"We've been asking for justice for over four years, but we're not asking any more – we're demanding it," said Constance Malcolm, mother of Ramarley Graham. "Mayor de Blasio, you promised police reform when you ran, but you've done nothing to hold the NYPD accountable. It's time for you to fire all the officers who busted into our home and killed Ramarley. Fire all the officers who wouldn't let my mother see her attorney while they held her at the precinct. Fire all the officers who made false statements about my son and what the NYPD did to him."

Over the past four years most of the public attention has focused on Haste, who shot and killed Ramarley Graham. Haste is still employed by the NYPD and has received multiple salary increases of nearly \$25,000 since the incident. However, there were at least a dozen officers involved in busting into Ramarley's home without legal justification, threatening, assaulting and mistreating his family members after he was killed, and disseminating false/improper information about Ramarley and the incident.

None of these officers have been held accountable either, and the identities of most have been concealed. According to reports, only three officers are facing departmental charges for Graham's killing and associated misconduct. The only officer identified as facing a charge is Haste, but it is only a charge for improper discharge of his weapon – he's not facing charges for unlawful entry, threatening to

shoot Ramarley's grandmother after shooting Ramarley, or for unjustly killing Ramarley.

For months Ramarley's mother has been requesting a meeting with the Mayor and de-

manding that he take action to ensure all officers are fired, including hand-delivering two letters and close to 60,000 petitions.

Ramarley's supporters say de Blasio's inaction shows he does not value Black lives and is not living up to his mayoral campaign promises.

"Dante de Blasio is about the same age Ramarley was when he was killed," said Malcolm. "Mayor de Blasio, what if it were your son instead of mine? Why aren't these officers gone yet? How come you're acting like you don't value Black lives?"

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# NEWS OF THE WORLD

## Latin America and the Caribbean need to strengthen cybersecurity

**WASHINGTON:** Leaders of the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB) and the Organization of American States (OAS) on Monday called on the countries of Latin America and the Caribbean to step up their efforts on cybersecurity after releasing a new study, carried out by the two institutions with the support of Oxford University, that shows the region is highly vulnerable to potentially devastating cyber-attacks.

The 2016 Cybersecurity Report, Are we ready in Latin America and the Caribbean?, shows that four out of every five countries in the region do not have a cybersecurity strategy or plans for protecting critical infrastructure. Two out of three countries do not have a command and control center for cybersecurity. And a large majority of prosecutors lack the capacity to punish cybercrimes and face other problems as well.

The report analyzes the state of preparedness of 32 countries based on 49 indicators. It is the first significant examination of the level of preparedness in Latin America and the Caribbean against the growing threat of cybercrime.

Uruguay, Brazil, México, Argentina, Chile, Colombia and Trinidad and Tobago have achieved an intermediate level of preparedness, but remain far from advanced countries like the United States, Israel, Estonia and Korea.

"This report is a call to action to protect our citizen and our critical infrastructure for the 21st century," said IDB president Luis Alberto Moreno. "Our region arrived late to the Industrial Revolution. We cannot miss the opportunity that the Digital Revolution offers us," he said. "Because of that, cybersecurity must be a priority."

OAS assistant secretary general, Nestor Mendez, emphasized that cyberspace is increasingly becoming an integral part of the daily life of people in the Americas, and is indispensable to their total development.



**A GUIDE FOR THE PRIME MINISTER:** Rabbi Yaakov and Mushkee Raskin present a copy of a book on the great leader of Chabad Lubavitch to Jamaican Prime Minister Andrew Holness (c) during a recent visit to Kingston, Jamaica WI. The book is guided by the idea that there should be a place whose doors are open to every Jew, regardless of background or affiliation. A place where questions are embraced and Judaism is celebrated meaningfully and joyfully.

## CDC issues zika virus travel advisory for Belize

**ATLANTA:**

On Monday, the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) issued a zika virus travel notice for Belize. CDC has issued a number of previous travel notices (level 2, "practice enhanced precautions") for people traveling to destinations with zika.

Travelers to areas with cases of zika virus infection are at risk of being infected with the zika virus. Mosquitoes that spread zika are aggressive daytime biters. They also bite at night. There is no vaccine or medicine for zika virus. The best way to avoid zika virus infection is to prevent mosquito bites.

Some travelers to areas with zika will become infected while traveling but will not become sick until they return home and they might not have any symptoms. To help stop the spread of zika, travelers should use insect repellent for three weeks after travel to prevent mosquito bites.

Some people who are infected do not have any symptoms. People who do have symptoms have reported fever, rash, joint pain, and red eyes. The sickness is usually mild with symptoms that last from several days to a week. Severe disease requiring hospitalization is uncommon and the number of deaths is low.

## Grenada PM holds invitation-only town hall meeting in NYC

**NEW YORK, NY:**

Following his executive action taken against former consul general Derrick James and ambassador to the United Nations Denis Antoine to redeploy them from New York to other nations recently, Grenada Prime Minister Dr Keith Mitchell made his first return to the Big Apple to participate in what Grenadians described as an invitation only, "sort of town hall" style meeting with his former political support group.

The event was reportedly not open to the public but, according to one attendee, Mitchell blamed James and Antoine for the previous "mess" in New York over the lack of consular services for what is the largest Grenadian Diaspora in the United States.

As in the past, Mitchell called on his New National Party (NNP) New York supporters to come together under one umbrella, one banner and unite but, according to Grenadian New Yorkers, that might be impossible because Mitchell is perceived as having turned his back on his onetime loyal supporters, who now have turned their backs on him.

## Cuba to host Caribbean summit

**HAVANA, Cuba:**

The seventh summit of the Association of Caribbean States (ACS) will take place on June 4 in the Cuban capital of Havana, said the organization's secretary general Alfonso Munera.

Munera, who paid a working visit to Cuba last Wednesday, met with Cuba's first deputy foreign minister Marcelino Medina on the drafting of documents for the summit. The two officials addressed the performance of the ACS and the role of Cuba while chairing the Association's Council of Ministers, according to the Cuban foreign ministry.

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#### Where do I go to for a divorce?

The Supreme Court of the State of New York is the only court that handles divorce cases, and a Supreme Court judge is the only person who can legally grant a divorce.

You should go to the Supreme Court in the county where you or your spouse now live. You cannot get a divorce in Family Court.

Although Family Court cannot give you a divorce, you can go to



your local Family Court for help with child support, child custody, child visitation, spousal support (also known as spousal maintenance), and paternity.

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#### How do I start a divorce case?

You will need to buy an Index Number at the County Clerk's Office and file a Summons with Notice or a Summons and Verified Complaint (which has the reasons for the divorce).

Next, you will need to have another person over the age of 18 who is not a party to the action serve your spouse with the papers.

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been over for at least six months, there are no children under 21, and all marital property issues, including debt, have been settled.

#### Do I need a lawyer?

Because divorce law can be complicated, you should meet with a lawyer — even if you think your divorce will be uncontested.

If you and your spouse have resolved all financial and parenting issues, and you do not have a lawyer, you can use the free Uncontested Divorce Forms Packet.

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## SPORTS



## Bolt among top athletes on Time's 'most influential' list

New York, N.Y.:

Sports figures including Jamaican sprint star Usain Bolt and NBA Most Valuable Player Stephen Curry pepper Time magazine's 2016 "100 Most Influential People" list published recently.

US golfer Jordan Spieth, Britain's Formula One world champion Lewis Hamilton, UFC great Ronda Rousey and American swimmer Katie Ledecky also made the list.

So did Indian tennis player Sania Mirza, ranked number one in the world in doubles who was praised as an inspiration to a generation of Indians in a tribute written by cricketer Sachin Tendulkar.

Ziggy Marley writes on Bolt, calling him a "unifying force" in Jamaica, while ballerina Misty Copeland writes in appreciation of Golden State Warriors star Curry.

## Best replaces Edwards

LONDON, England — Fiery fast bowler Tino Best has joined Hampshire on a short-term deal, replacing fellow former Barbados and West Indies speedster, Fidel Edwards, who has been ruled out by injury.

The 34-year-old Best, who has played 25 Tests and 26 One-Day Internationals, will be tasting English County cricket for the second time, having played in the past for Yorkshire.

Director of Cricket Giles White said the opportunity was a great one for Best.

"Fidel joined us last year under similar circumstances, he never looked back and this is a chance for Tino to emulate him," White said.

## ICC Slams 'Disrespectful' West Indies

DUBAI, United Arab Emirates (CMC): Cricket's governing body, the International Cricket Council (ICC), blasted the West Indies cricket team for the behaviour of some of its players following the final of the Twenty20 World Cup in India earlier this month. In an unusual step recently, the ICC labelled the players' behaviour as "inappropriate and disrespectful" and argued that it "brought the event into disrepute". In a statement following a meeting of its board over the weekend, the ICC said it had even given "serious consideration" to bringing sanctions against the players.



### TEAM JAMAICA BICKLE/PENN RELAY DONATION:

Stephen Drummond (third left) makes a US\$10,000 donation to Team Jamaica Bickle (TJB) at its Penn Relays season launch at The Jamaica Pegasus hotel on Monday. Each year, TJB raises funds to offset the costs of Jamaican high schools and institutions participating at the meet. Sharing in the occasion are (from left) Irwine Clare Snr, TJB's CEO, Vanessa Geer Drummond, Peter Martin, Frederick Haughton, representing Herbert Morrison, Ian Eccles, Allie McNab and Ruel Reid, Minister of Education, Youth and Information.

## I don't take supplements, says Serena

*World No. 1 Serena Williams said she is supplement-free in the wake of Maria Sharapova's failed drugs test.*



Sharapova sent shockwaves through tennis on last Monday after revealing she had tested positive for recently banned substance meldonium at the Australian Open in January. The five-time grand-slam champion insisted she was not aware the drug had been added to the World Anti-Doping Agency's (WADA) list of banned substances as of the start of the year.

Williams was quizzed about Sharapova on the eve of her first match at the BNP Paribas Open on Thursday, and the 21-time major winner said she does not take supplements. "I'm terrified [of them], to be honest. It would just be a really bad situation if that was me," Williams said.

## Grace renews support for Jamaican athletes

For Jamaicans who live overseas, Grace Foods is a symbol of authentic and delicious Jamaican food and beverage, and this year Grace will again support the prestigious Penn Relays, with a number of initiatives directed at benefiting both athletes and spectators, who are expected to descend on the April 28-30 meet.

Now in its 122nd year, the Penn Relays, hosted by the University of Pennsylvania, has long been a prominent exhibition for Jamaican high-school teams against a rich backdrop of Jamaican supporters. The company's involvement at Penn Relays is part of a larger commitment that Grace Foods has undertaken to foster and promote the development of Jamaica's track and field program.

A few weeks ago, Grace Kennedy was again the title sponsor of the ISSA/GraceKennedy Boys' & Girls' Championship, popularly called 'Champs', at the National Stadium in Kingston, Jamaica that saw several high school records being shattered or equal including the Class two, 400 and 200 meters records, by Calabar's Christopher Taylor in 46.33 and 20.80 seconds respectively.

## Following Olympics drama, Trinidad and Tobago fans lobby for Gymnastics Board to resign

PORT OF SPAIN, Trinidad:

Local support for Thema Williams, the Trinidadian gymnast who was pulled from the 2016 Rio Olympics Test Event -- ostensibly because of a knee injury -- is stronger than ever, following a contentious move by the Trinidad and Tobago Gymnastics Federation (TTGF) board to replace Williams with Marisa Dick, who is Canadian-born but can compete for Trinidad and Tobago because she holds dual citizenship.

Both athletes were in hot water with the association earlier this year over topless photos they had taken of themselves and posted on their Instagram and Snapchat accounts; their matters are currently before a TTGF disciplinary committee.

She may not have got the chance to prove herself in Rio, but Williams returned to

Trinidad to great fanfare at the support she received and she received a hero's welcome to the strains of cricketer Dwayne Bravo's song, "Champion", which went recently burgeoned in popularity after the West Indies cricket team won the international T20 tournament.

Williams' American coach, John Geddert, who some are saying "opened the door" for the TTGF to pull the gymnast from the event because of the overly dramatic wording of his training report, just as dramatically came to her defence, admitting he regretted his choice of words:

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“All Eyes On Me” for the third year, features a red carpet entrance at the top of the evening, a pre-show cocktail hour, an immaculate fashion show and an after party.

Ray Dejon – Comedian and owner of laff-ah-holics entertainment, along with returning host and media personality, Catchcha Fyah have both partnered with the New York Next Top Model team to Emcee the show; bringing major excitement and fierceness to the shows reputation.

New York Next Top Model operate under the slogan “where Fashion Lives” and is committed to promoting social and economic prosperity, inspiration and diversity throughout the Caribbean community represented in the Tristate area and its environs.

In keeping with its devotion to community, this year’s fashion showcase All Eyes on Me: Celebrity Edition, will feature some of New York Dancehall’s celebrities and top promoters.

To ensure a high caliber production, New York Next Top Model tapped renowned Fashion Show Producer, Glenroy March of ‘House of D’Marsh’ to produce the much anticipated fashion showcase event.

The production team also includes Peggy Laibhen, Model and Founder of Simply Said Media.

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# Meeting of the Minds Dementia Conference for May 13



**DAVID TROXEL, MPH**

*Keynote speaker author of  
'A Dignified Life: The Best Friends  
Approach to Dementia Care.'*

The Alzheimer's Association Hudson Valley Chapter will host its second annual Meeting of the Minds dementia conference from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday, May 13, at the DoubleTree by Hilton at 455 South Broadway, Tarrytown.

The conference will feature talks by keynote speakers, a research update and morning and evening breakout sessions with various tracks catering to specific groups, including people with early-stage Alzheimer's, family members, caregivers, professional caregivers and Spanish-speaking caregivers.

The second keynote speaker of the day will be David Troxel, MPH, author of "A Dignified Life: The Best Friends Approach to Dementia Care."

Troxel is a consultant on dementia care and training for the long-term care industry. He is also an experienced caregiver, having cared for his mother while she had Alzheimer's disease for several years. He said that while tremendous advances have been made in dementia awareness in recent decades, understanding often lags among caregivers on how to maximize the quality of life for people with dementia.

"We've tremendously increased awareness about dementia and the need for services, but where are we in terms of delivering quality of life?" Troxel said. "On one level, we've had such success with education. But I still go talk to families. . . . People are still making a lot of mistakes. I think there's an endless need for coaching, education for the care partners."

Frustration with the behaviors associated with the disease can sometimes make it easy for caregivers to treat those with dementia in a dismissive manner. The Best Friends approach tackles this problem by stressing the importance of empathy for those with dementia and working to maintain their dignity.

At the conference, Troxel said he plans to share some ideas on how to create a healing atmosphere for people with dementia.

"I'm going to offer strategies to family members and professionals. . . . How can you create a healing environment," Troxel said. "How can you get people to engage in meaningful activities. How you can reduce some of the behaviors that are challenging. In many ways, boredom is the enemy."

Sometimes, Troxel said something as simple as a positive comment can transform a difficult situation. Someone with dementia who might be refusing to cooperate with a caregiver might suddenly cheer up in light of a compliment, defusing the conflict.

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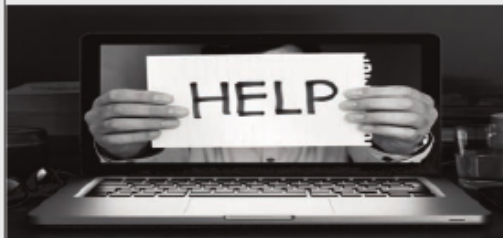
Through music, dance and singing, a group of teens in Mount Vernon are looking to spread the word about teen pregnancy prevention.

"We teach youth about teen pregnancy prevention, HIV, STD awareness, as well as healthy behaviors versus risk behaviors," said Sean Paul Wade of the Mount Vernon Youth Bureau's CAPP Program. "We use these events to push through initiatives, so they can go forward in life and make positive decisions and being able to behave responsibly."

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# Another spectacle on the track for Penn Relays

By Tyler Brinks, Penn Relays

At the Penn Relays, history, competitiveness, and team camaraderie drive athletes to sacrifice individual glory for their team's collective goals. The Relays wheel, awarded

only to winning relay teams and an icon for team success in track and field, bears witness to shared purpose and shared performance.

The Penn Relays creates a spectacle on the track that few meets rival. Here are a few of this year's relay teams that promise to make this year's event special yet again.

In the boys' DMR, Purcellville (Va.) Loudoun Valley's Andrew Hunter aims to become the first athlete at the Relays to win the 3000m, mile, and DMR. Hunter and his teammates will not have an easy road to the podium, though. River Dell Regional of Oradell, N.J. — which finished less than a second behind Hunter's Loudoun Valley team in the DMR at the New Balance Nationals indoor championship this year — will aim for redemption in their pursuit of a Relays title. Cons-

idering the Bronx plan to battle Loudoun Valley and River Dell to the finish line in efforts to earn Prep its first Relays wheel in school history. Fordham Prep joins three more teams from last year's top five — Burke (Va.) Lake Braddock, Lincroft (N.J.) Christian Brothers and Providence (R.I.) La Salle Academy, the defending champion in the event. As Hunter aims to make history, expect this year's crop of talent in the DMR to create an electric atmosphere on Friday night.



Members of the Jamaican athletic team poses with their medals

Lake Braddock — which enters the Relays with the top time in the girls' DMR — has not appeared in the race since 2010, but its return

looks to be resounding as its seed time is second best in the country. Saratoga Springs of New York follows a few seconds behind, while Palos Verdes of California looks to steal a wheel for the West coast. New York's Warwick Valley, the fourth and final team with a sub-12:00 time, returns to the DMR after a year hiatus and looks to earn their first title in the girls' DMR since 2005.

With no returning schools from last year's top five, prepare for four new girls to climb the podium and claim the coveted title of Penn Relays champion.

The Caribbean schools' sprinting prowess and the distance running pride of American schools converges in the 4x800. St. Elizabeth

Tech of Santa Cruz, Jamaica, returns to the boys' race to defend its 2015 Championship of America title with three of its four boys who won. St. Jago of St. Catherine, Jamaica, follows closely behind St. Elizabeth while State College Area of Pennsylvania headlines the U.S. teams. Kingston College of East Kingston, Jamaica, finished second in last year's Championship of America race and returns with the fourth-best preliminary time despite racing with none of last year's competitors.

If Kingston College's boys can improve with each race they run together, they may challenge St. Elizabeth Tech's experienced team. Like every April, we must wait and see.

In the girls' 4x800, Christiana (Jamaica)

Holmwood Tech's team is back after its 2015 win, however, returning to one from their championship team. Each girl will be hungry to replicate the success of their predecessors, though; Holmwood Tech has the most victories of any school in the girls' 4x800. Six of the top 10 American girls' teams will be on hand this year.

Mamaroneck of New York enters with the second-fastest time in the field, only behind Edwin Allen of Clarendon, Jamaica. Lynchburg (Va.) E.C. Glass, Saratoga Springs, Lansdale (Pa.) North Penn, Clifton Park (N.Y.) Shenendehowa East and Annandale (N.J.) North Hunterdon conclude the contingent of top American entrants.

Less than two weeks remain until a deluge of athletes flood Franklin Field for another

April weekend. This week, the athletes conclude their final trials races, the coaches assign their final few workouts, and the meet officials prepare for their final few hours of sleep before Relays week begins. Fans, your job is to prepare for brilliance. This year — like every year — will display the sports' finest athletes at one of the sports' most historic venues.

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I have been fortunate to meet so many people who have become dear friends and together share our passion for this event.

One of my duties as chairman of the Friends of the Penn Relays is to make sure we extend every possible kindness to all in attendance at the Carnival.

This includes our newly inducted Wall of Famers, our guests from the diplomatic community, the thousands of athletes and their coaches who come from all corners of the globe, the large number of volunteers and officials, and all the spectators.

You can always ask any of our Officials or Volunteers, those folks in the coveted Red, Green, Blue or Yellow hats, for assistance. They can direct you to a mem-



## CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE

By C. K. Buddington  
Chairman, Friends of the Penn Relays

ber of the hospitality crew to answer a question or to provide whatever assistance possible.

This year we have introduced a new level to the spectator experience. Ticket

holders who donate to the Friends of the Penn Relays at the \$1000 level and higher can enjoy the Penn Relays VIP Experience.

This includes access to the Donaldson Room Hospitality Suite overlooking the track, access to the Finish Line Paddock on the infield, upscale food service for breakfast and lunch with beer and wine, access to selected post-race media conferences, photo ops with Penn Relays Wall of Famers, Olympic Medalists and World record holders and much more.

For all of you who attend the Penn Relays I ask that you consider joining us by making a donation to the Friends of the Penn Relays. You can visit the website <http://pennchampionsclub.com/node/674> for more information.

Donations over the past two years and the leadership gift of my old teammate Elliott Rogers made possible the resurfacing of the track and jumps runways and the re-configuration of the track so that we now

have 6 lanes outside the 400m curb. The visual appeal will be evident as soon as you enter the stadium, and the fast times will not be far behind.

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While some might think that after 122 years of competition we can stand on our laurels, we seek to improve what we have for future generations of athletes, coaches, officials and spectators. We look forward to seeing you this year and for many years to come.

All my best and blessings.

## Penn Relay Wall of Fame

By Dave Johnson

The Penn Relay Carnival adds to the Wall of Fame begun in 1994 at the time of the 100th running. The class of 2016, the 23rd group of inductees, brings the number of individuals selected to 107, with 97 relay teams having been chosen.

Four individuals and four relay teams were selected by a panel of Penn Relays experts. The sole restriction in the nomination process is that only retired athletes (or those now competing as masters) may be nominated, and inductees are honored solely for their accomplishments at the Penn Relays; achievements in any other meets are not considered.

Any relay team may be nominated, and nominations of relay teams and individuals will be accepted by the Penn Relays office at any time and from any interested party.

Each of this year's four individual inductees set either individual event records or anchored record-setting relays. Charles Foster and Laura Gerraghty each set Carnival collegiate records. John Overton and Alan Webb both starred as distance medley anchors, Overton on the college medley in 1915, and Webb on the first high school team to break

10 minutes at the Relays.

This year's relay team honorees includes two teams from 1966, the last year of Franklin Field's cinder track. The Villanova Distance Medley team of Alan McCafferty, Bill Heidelberg, Ian Hamilton, and Dave Patrick ran a Carnival record time of 9:46.4. Although the time was bettered the next year, the slowness of the old cinder track made the value of this time much greater, the equivalent of a mark which might have lasted as a meet record until 1975.

The 1966 White Plains High School Mile Relay missed a Penn Relays record by only four-tenths of a second. But as one of the last races in the mud of the 1966 Relays, the team of Carl Reed, Dave Jackson, Larry James and Otis Hill ran a remarkable 3:17.9, more than seven seconds slower than what the team ran that year. Only the weather denied this great team a record that was inconceivable without the benefit of an all-weather track.

## Penn Relays Planning Tips

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# First Black Police Captain Demoted to Lieutenant

HACKENSACK:

The officer who would have been the city's first black police captain has returned to the rank of lieutenant after learning

that he failed part of his captain's exam, a little more than a month after his promotion was celebrated as a historic event at a City Council meeting.

Lt. James Prise had been tapped by city officials to serve as officer in charge of the department's day-to-day operations, making him the highest-ranking sworn officer in the department. But his exam performance means city officials will have to consider another captain-ranked officer for the position.

Prise had already passed the written portion that he took in October. But he learned recently that he had not passed the oral exam, excluding him from consideration for captain and for the officer-in-charge position.

Prise, whose 22 years of service make him the longest-serving senior officer in the city, said he plans to retire when he reaches 25 years of service and does not expect to take the captain exam again.

At the March 8 council meeting, Prise's promotion to captain was hailed as an important moment for the city. Though a quarter of Hackensack's 43,000 residents are black, Prise had also been the city's first black lieutenant.

Many black religious and community lead-

ers came to the meeting to celebrate the promotion. Troast described it as a "significant moment" for the city.

LT. JAMES PRISE

## GIANT RETURN TO PATERSON:

From page 1-1) Giants wide receiver Victor Cruz, 29, shaking hands with kids who participated in Healthy Kids Fun Fest at the Boys & Girls Club of Paterson and Passaic NJ on Friday April 22nd. The Paterson native went to the club as a child.

# Teaneck Mayor dies

TEANECK:

Teaneck Mayor Lizette Parker, the first African-American woman to be mayor of a Bergen County municipality, died on Sunday morning, her family said. She was 44.

Parker died at Holy Name Medical Center after suffering from an illness that had prevented her attendance at township meetings in recent weeks, state Sen. Loretta Weinberg said.

A news release from the township cited "respiratory issues" as her reason for going to the hospital.

Speaking outside the mayor's home on Selva Avenue, her mother, Dolores Phillips, said Parker's death was "just so sudden and unexpected."

"This is a very difficult time for Lizette's husband and child and all her family," Phillips said. "We would just ask that everyone respect the family's privacy and allow us a little time."

The mayor's death sent shock waves through the township's political world and the African American community, for whom she had advocated since she was elected to the Township Council in 2006. She became mayor in 2014.

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A healthy lifestyle will mean healthier hair for you. Excessive stress, smoking, not exercising and not eating nutritiously are not healthy for your hair.

Get enough sleep.

Hair Products (Gel, mouse, hair spray...)

Avoid using hair styling products with alcohol which dries out hair.

Avoid putting hair styling products directly on your scalp; if you put it on your scalp you'll clog the pores on your head.

### Swimming

Before entering a pool, wet your hair so your hair will soak up the initial water instead of the chlorinated water.

When swimming wear a cap to protect your hair from chlorinated water, if you choose not to wear a cap make sure you shampoo and condition your hair right after you are done swimming.

### Drying

Hot air can be damaging to your hair so when using a hair dryer use the cool setting. Don't leave the blowdryer in one spot for



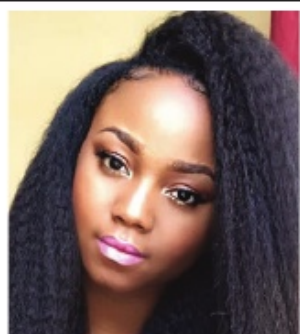
more than a few seconds, keep it moving and at a good distance away from your hair.

To speed up the drying process, pat your hair dry with a towel and let the remaining moisture in your hair dry naturally.

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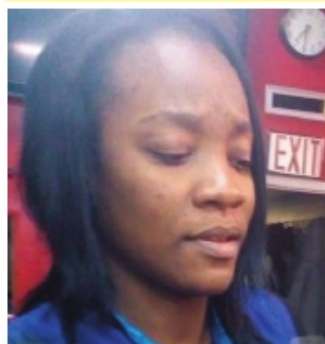
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Luke joined the Marine Corp in 1978 and four years later was moved to the Massachusetts Army National Guard as a wheeled vehicle mechanic.

A year later he opted to be transferred home to join the New York Army National Guard in the 719th transportation company as tractor-trailer operator.

He made the rank of Sergeant in 1992 and Staff Sergeant in 2005 as senior

cook after 9/11. In 2010, Luke was also promoted to Sergeant First Class and was assigned to the 369th Brigade as the senior food operations.

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-- Caring Co-Worker In New York

Dear Caring Co-Worker: Take the woman aside and tell her privately that the clicking is distracting to customers and co-workers. She may not be aware that she is doing anything. Suggest that she discuss this with her dentist because her dentures may need adjusting -- or, as you mentioned, her dentist can recommend a product to stabilize them. She may be more receptive if she hears it from a dental health professional.

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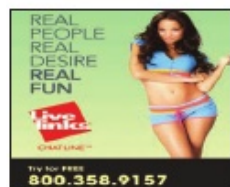


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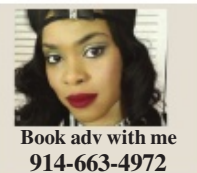
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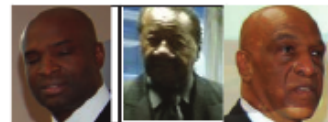
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Vincent and Jeanette HoSang are both from Jamaica. "My mom is from Spanish Town, and my dad is from Springfield, St. James, in Montego Bay. Ironically, they didn't meet in Jamaica. They met in the Bronx," Sabrina said.

Sabrina lives in Rockland County and serves on a few nonprofit boards.

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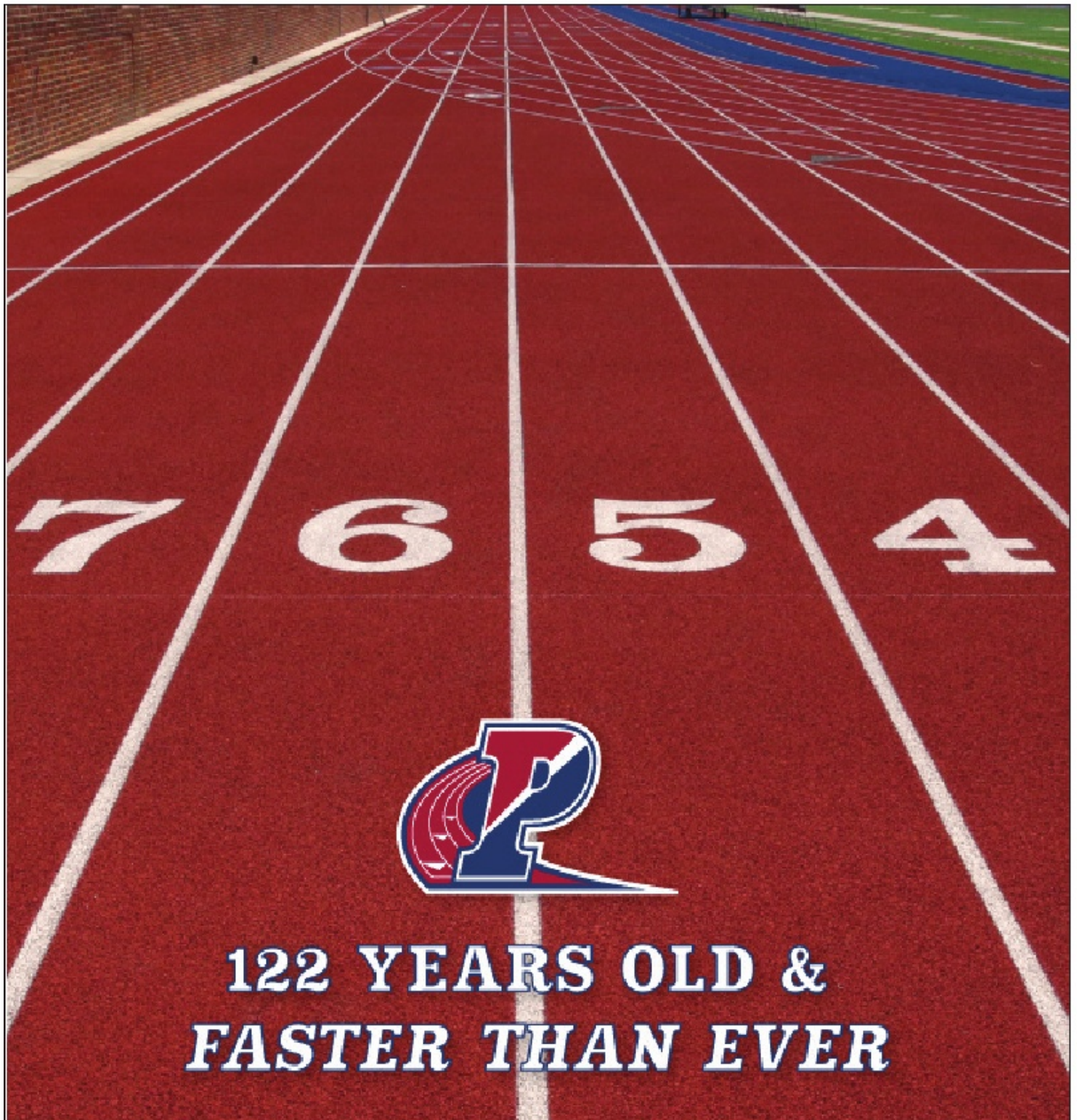
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